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Our Visitors From Mars

Ever since the atom was burst apart we've lost most of our skepticism in regard to science. From now on anything seems possible.

Thus we accept without reserve the announcement that Prof. Albert Einstein has completed a new "generalized theory of gravitation" which may in time unlock all the secrets of the universe.

It was Einstein's theory of relativity, as we recall it, that started the physicists off in their successful search for means to harness atomic power. What may happen now in the fields of gravitation and electro-magnetism has us slightly perturbed but mostly willing.

The line has to be drawn somewhere, however, and we've decided to place it this side of the "news" that the flying saucers we hear of from time to time are visitors from Mars or some other planet.

A gent named Donald Keyhoe, writing in True Magazine, quotes an unnamed "rocket authority" at Wright Field, Dayton, as stating flatly "that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

Well, we don't believe it.

Our reason is that if the Martians came close enough to the earth to observe it they'd be so fascinated by the activities of the strange race known as man they'd have to land and examine more closely.

For example, all week long they'd see vehicles clog the streets in cities. Then, on one day of the week, they'd see a strange turnabout. All of those vehicles would dash madly to country highways and get into the same kind of snarl outside the cities.

Surely, if the Martians had enough curiosity and wit to design an interplanetary space ship they'd make a landing and find out what motivates such peculiar behavior.

It must also be assumed that the visitors long since have developed radio. What would they think of singing commercials or, for that matter, that terrible week before Christmas in which a red-nosed reindeer seemed to be forever mating with a mule train?

Either (a) they'd be frightened away never to return or (b) they'd come calling and try to unravel the mysteries we transmit electronically.

Since flying saucers are still occasionally reported, we will discard (a). Since there have been no landings chronicled anywhere, we have no faith in (b).

That accounts for our theory that the saucers aren't from Mars, a theory we will hold onto unless Einstein comes up with a better one.